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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **Fireworks display on Friday, 4 July 2003**

1. The Macy's Independence Day fireworks will be displayed on 4 July 2003 from two locations in the East River: south of the Brooklyn Bridge and at 34th Street. The display is scheduled to take place from 9.25 to 10 p.m. The FDR Drive from 14th to 61st Streets will be closed by 6 p.m.

2. Members of delegations and staff wishing to view the display may do so from the garden promenade or from the Secretariat building. The only access to the grounds that evening will be through the entrance at First Avenue and 47th Street, which will be opened at 5 p.m. The entrance at 42nd Street and the Secretariat entrance will be closed. Please plan to arrive early to allow adequate time for screening at the First Avenue entrance. All those attending the fireworks display will be required to go through metal detectors for security reasons.

3. Access to the complex will be restricted to holders of grounds passes and their ticketed guests. Each pass holder will be permitted to bring a maximum of six guests. Tickets of two different colours will be issued. A light blue ticket will provide access to the Secretariat building and grounds; a yellow ticket will provide access to the grounds only.

4. Tickets will be issued to staff members on a first-come, first-served basis from the Staff Committee Office, in room S-525, extension 3-7075 or 3-7076, beginning on Thursday, 26 June 2003. For safety reasons, the number of people admitted to the Secretariat building will be limited by the safety code.

5. Tickets will be issued to members of delegations by the Planning Unit of the Security and Safety Service, located in room C-106, extension 3-7028. Tickets for members of delegations will be available from Thursday, 26 June to Thursday, 3 July 2003, between 12 noon and 4 p.m., excluding the weekend, when the office will be closed.

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6. No tickets will be issued on the evening of 4 July, and persons without grounds passes or tickets will be turned away. The dining facilities within the complex will be closed.

7. Guests with light-blue tickets must enter through the Canadian doors of the General Assembly Building. Staff members will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while at the United Nations. Guests must be escorted at all times within the complex.

8. Staff members will be permitted to park in the United Nations garage (northern entrance, at 48th Street and the FDR Drive), at the weekend rate, upon presentation of a valid grounds pass. Guests will not be admitted through the garage; they must be dropped off at the entrance at First Avenue and 47th Street.

9. Staff members and their guests who wish to view the display from their own offices are reminded that windows in the Secretariat building may not be opened under any circumstances. This provision will be strictly enforced.

10. Staff members are reminded that they should lock and secure their offices when they depart on Thursday, 3 July 2003.

11. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on United Nations grounds. The Security and Safety Service has the authority to inspect all packages and will enforce this regulation.

12. In the event of an emergency, the Security Control Centre should be contacted at extension 3-6666.